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SUBJECT: GOJ PERMITS PRG DELEGATES ENTRY FOR SVN PEACE COMMITTEE
MEETING

REF: A. TOKYO 9977

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SUMMARY: GOJ HAS DECIDED TO LET TWO PRG REPS INTO JAPAN FOR
JAPAN-VIETNAM FRIENDSHIP ASSN ANNIVERSARY. ALTHOUGH DECISION
MAINTAINS THEORETICAL DISTINCTION GOJ DRAWS BETWEEN "POLITICAL"
AND "NON-POLITICAL" NATURE OF PRG APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY, WE
SUSPECT GOJ HOPES LENIENCY IN CURRENT DECISION MAY NUDGE DRV-
JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. END SUMMARY.

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1. JUSTICE MINISTRY DECIDED SEPT 21 TO PERMIT TWO PRG REPS TO ENTER JAPAN FOR 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAPAN-VIETNAM FRIENDSHIP ASSN SEPT 28-29. REPS ARE NGYEN VAN THANH, VICE CHAIRMAN OF "SVN PEACE COMMITTEE" AND PRG AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, AND DANG MING TREIT, AND "EDUCATIONIST", ALSO RESIDENT IN MOSCOW. VISIT WILL BE SECOND FOR PRG, FIRST BEING PERMISSION FOR PRG TABEL TENNIS TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN ASIAN TT MEET IN APRIL. JUSTICE MINISTRY REPORT SAID "PERMISSION WOULD BE RECINDED IF REPS INTERFERED IN JAPAN'S INTERNAL "POLITICS" DURING THEIR TWO-WEEK STAY.

2. FONOFF FIRST DEASIA DEP DIRECTOR KAZUHARA TOLD US GOJ WOULD NOT PUT VISAS IN PRG PASSPORTS BUT WOULD ISSUE SEPARTATE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS AS WAS DONE WITH PRG ATHELETES. THANH, WHO IS BEING ADMITTED INCAPACITY AS "PEACE COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN", AND TRIET WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO "TAKE OATH" NOT TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES DURING VISIT. KAZUHARA SAID VISIT IS FOR HUMANITATION PURPOSES SINCE VISITORS WILL SEEK "HUMANITARIAN ASSIATANCE" FOR INDOCHINA.

3. GVN EMBASSY, WHICH WAS NOT INFORMED OF REQUEST FOR ENTRY PRIOR TO JUSTICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT, FORMALLY REQUESTED GOJ TO RECONSIDER DECISION.

4. COMMENT: WE DOUBT GOJ WILL RECONSIDER. GOJ REJECTED REQUEST FOR THANH TO VISIT JAPAN TO ATTEND JULY 31 "BAN BOMB" CONFERENCE, WHICH GOJ CONSIDERED AS POLITICAL MEETING (REF A). KAZUHARA INSISTED CURRENT DECISION REPRESENTED NO POLICY CHANGE. DECISION MAINTAINS THEORETICAL DISTINCTION GOJ DRAWS BETWEEN THOSE ALLOWED AND THOSE NOT ALLOWED FROM "NON-RECOGNIZED" AREAS SUCH AS PRG, BY LABELLING VISIT "HUMANITARIAN" AND "NON-POLITICAL." DISTINCTION APPEARS LARGELY ARBITRARY, AND WE SUSPECT THT GOJ IS ATTEMPTING TO GIVE DRV-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS (REF B) A SLIGHT NUDGE BY BEING MORE LENIENT IN THIS CASE THAN IN PREVIOUS ONE.

5. FACT VISIT COINCIDES WITH IPU CONFERENCE ALSO GIVES CAUSE FOR SCRUTINY. EVEN THOUGH KAZUHARA SEEMED CONFIDENT THQT PRG REPS WOULD NOT BE TROUBLESOME REGARDING IPU AND WE ASSUME GOJ WILL RESTRAIN PRG REPS FROM BALATANT POLITICAL

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ACTIVITY, EFFORTS BY THANH AND TRIET TO UNDERMINE GVN POSITION IN IPU WOULD SEEM PROBABLE. END COMMENT.
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